IN THE CLAIMS:

Please find below a listing of all pending claims. The statuses of the claims are set forth in parentheses. For those currently amended claims, <u>underlined</u> emphasis indicates insertions and ~~strikethrough~~ emphasis (and/or double brackets) indicates deletions.

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The video selection server according to claim [[2]]<u>9</u>, wherein the received video stream was multicast on the first network.

4. (Previously Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The video selection server according to claim [[2]]<u>9</u>, wherein the received video stream was unicast via the first network.

6. (Currently Amended) The video selection server according to claim [[1]]<u>9</u>, wherein the information analysis unit analyzes a transmission protocol of the ~~video stream~~ <u>separated video streams</u>.

7. (Previously Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The video selection server according to claim [[1]]<u>9</u>, wherein:

the information analysis unit analyzes video contents of the ~~video stream~~ <u>separated video streams</u> based on scene description content of meta-data if the encoding scheme of the video stream is MPEG7; and

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the decision unit permits the delivery if the video contents of the ~~video stream~~ separated video streams are previously set as deliverable contents under the criterion.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The video selection server according to claim 1, wherein, if the received video stream contains a plurality of videos, the receiving unit separates the received video stream into a plurality of video streams corresponding to the respective videos.~~ A video selection server for selectively relaying video information, comprising:

a receiving unit to receive a video stream containing a plurality of videos of different image qualities delivered via a first network and separate the received video stream into a plurality of video streams corresponding to the respective videos;

an information analysis unit to analyze image qualities of the separated video streams;

a decision unit to determine whether or not a result of analysis by the information analysis unit fulfills a criterion related to a permitted image quality indicated in a request from a client on a second network and to judge whether to permit delivery of the separated video streams to the client; and

a transmitting unit to transmit, to the client, the separated video streams of which the delivery to the client has been permitted by the decision unit.

10. (Currently Amended) A video delivery system for delivering a video stream, comprising:

an encoder to encode captured video to obtain a video stream containing a plurality of videos of different image qualities and deliver the video stream via a first network; and

a video selection server to receive the video stream delivered via the first network, separate the received video stream into a plurality of video streams corresponding to the respective videos, analyze ~~at least an encoding scheme of the~~

~~received video stream~~ image qualities of the separated video streams, determine whether or not a result of the analysis fulfills a criterion related to a permitted ~~encoding scheme~~ image quality indicated in a request from a client on a second network, judge whether to permit delivery of the ~~received video stream to a second network~~ separated video streams to the client, and transmit, to ~~a plurality of requesting clients on the second network~~ the client, the ~~video stream~~ separated video streams of which the delivery to the ~~second network~~ client has been permitted~~, wherein the video stream is unicast to each of the requesting clients if the number thereof is equal to or smaller than a specified number, and wherein the video stream is multicast to the plurality of requesting clients if the number thereof is greater than the specified number~~.

11. (Original) The video delivery system according to claim 10, wherein the video selection server has a multi-stage configuration such that the video stream transmitted from a preceding-stage video selection server is delivered to a succeeding-stage video selection server.

12. (Original) The video delivery system according to claim 11, wherein the succeeding-stage video selection server includes a plurality of video selection servers connected to the preceding-stage video selection server.

13. (Currently Amended) A video selection method for selectively relaying video information, the method comprising:

receiving a video stream containing a plurality of videos of different image qualities delivered via a first network;

separating the received video stream into a plurality of video streams corresponding to the respective videos;

analyzing at least an encoding scheme of the ~~received video stream~~ separated video streams;

determining whether or not a result of the analysis fulfills a criterion ~~relating~~ related to a permitted ~~encoding scheme~~ image quality indicated in a request from a client on a second network, to judge whether to permit delivery of the ~~received video stream to a second network~~ separated video streams to the client; and

transmitting, to ~~a plurality of requesting clients on the second network~~ the client, the ~~video stream~~ separated video streams of which the delivery to the second network has been permitted~~, wherein the video stream is unicast to each of the requesting client if the number thereof is equal to or smaller than a specified number, and wherein the video stream is multicast to the plurality of requesting clients if the number thereof is greater than the specified number~~.

14. (Previously Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable recording medium recording a video selection program, which when executed by a computer, causes the computer to perform a method, the method comprising:

receiving a video stream containing a plurality of videos of different image qualities delivered via a first network;

separating the received video stream into a plurality of video streams corresponding to the respective videos;

analyzing at least an encoding scheme of the ~~video stream~~ separated video streams;

determining whether or not a result of the analysis fulfills a criterion ~~relating~~ related to a permitted ~~encoding scheme~~ image quality indicated in a request from a client on a second network, to judge whether to permit delivery of the ~~received video stream to a second network~~ separated video streams to the client; and

transmitting, to ~~a plurality of requesting clients on the second network~~ the client, the ~~video stream~~ separated video streams of which the delivery to the second network has been permitted~~, wherein the video stream is unicast to each of the~~

~~requesting client if the number thereof is equal to or smaller than a specified number,
and wherein the video stream is multicast to the plurality of requesting clients if the
number thereof is greater than the specified number~~.